



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Welcoming, Inspiring & Serving God's People

2017-18 Open Plate Offering Summary

OPEN PLATE OFFERING

- ▶ Each month we designate our open plate offerings to a specific non-profit organization that we believe exemplifies our values. Any money not specified for St. Mark's in our Sunday morning collection gets given to them entirely
- ▶ Additionally, we seek ways to engage in hands-on service with the desire to establish on-going relationships with others

OCT. 2017: EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY RECENT HURRICANES



- ▶ **Background:** Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with dioceses throughout regions affected areas by recent hurricanes & other natural disasters
- ▶ **Mission:** We take our mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25:37-40, that call us to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger.
- ▶ **Website:** <http://www.episcopalrelief.org>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$2,530

NOV. 2017: IN-REACH IN SUPPORT OF ST. MARKS PARISHIONERS IN NEED



- ▶ **Background:** Founded in 1860 by Joseph Burnett, w/ a desire to create a parish that was “free to all, with no distinctions as to wealth, color, race or station”
- ▶ **Mission:** At St. Mark’s we believe our call to live as disciples of Jesus Christ must include serving others through embracing brave change, reimagining our congregations, building relationships, and engaging our world
- ▶ **Website:** <http://stmarkssouthborough.org/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK’S: \$2,670

DEC. 2017: AMANI HOME FOR CHILDREN IN TANZANIA

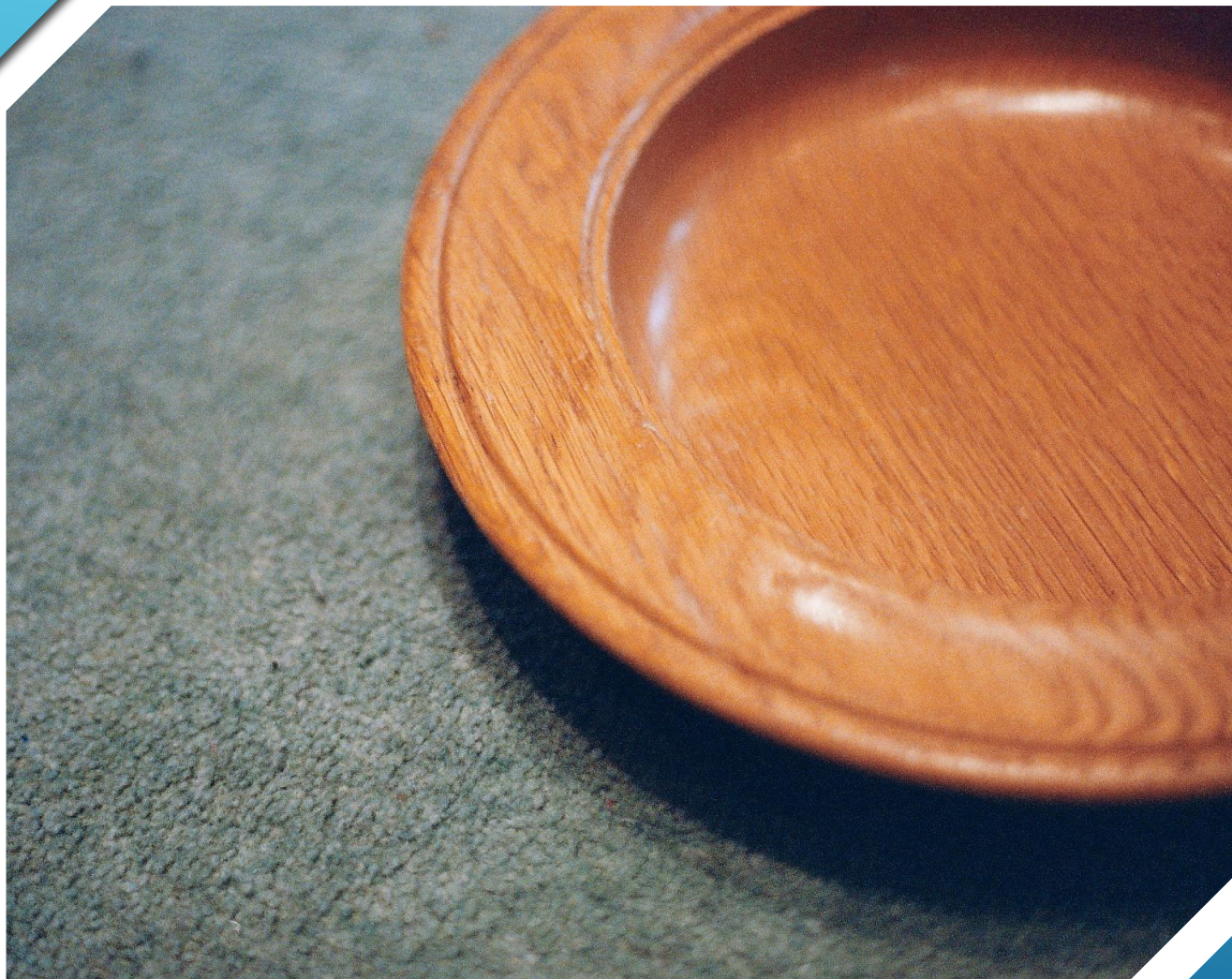


- ▶ **Background:** Amani Children's Home is dedicated to the protection of Tanzania's most vulnerable population: Street Children and AIDS orphans.
- ▶ **Mission:** To equip their families with the tools they need to be self-sustainable. Amani is dedicated to creating a path for each child that leads to a future filled with hope
- ▶ **Website:** <http://www.amanikids.org/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,078

2017 OPEN PLATE OFFERING SUMMARY

- ▶ **St. Mark's Parishioners donated over \$17,000 in 2017!**
- ▶ **Thank you for your generosity!**



JAN. 2018: EDESIA- COMBATING MALNUTRITION IN SUSCEPTIBLE COMMUNITIES



- ▶ **Background:** Edesia is the only ready-to-use food manufacturer in the United States with the ability to conduct research and development into new products to better meet the needs of different populations worldwide
- ▶ **Mission:** To help treat and prevent malnutrition in the world's most vulnerable populations
- ▶ **Website:** edesianutrition.org

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,737

FEB. 2018: WORCESTER ALLIANCE FOR REFUGEE MINISTRY (WARM)



- ▶ **Background:** WARM is an alliance of volunteers and Christian churches across Central Massachusetts to help the Church warmly welcome and embrace Worcester's refugees as they acclimate to American life.
- ▶ **Mission:** To build a bridge between the Church and Worcester's refugees as an expression of our love for Jesus Christ, who said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."
- ▶ **Website:** warmwelcoming.org

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,142

MARCH 2018: LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL



- ▶ **Background:** At least 663 million people lack access to safe water. In response to this need, we implement participatory, community-based water solutions in developing countries. Since they started, they've completed more than 18,000 water projects.
- ▶ **Mission:** Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire safe water and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst.
- ▶ **Website:** <https://water.cc/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,011

APRIL 2018: STRAIGHT AHEAD MINISTRIES



- ▶ **Background:** Staff, volunteers & ministry partners have served over 75,000 young people in 40 states, 35 countries and 7 languages. Their intensive models of engagement and leadership development include programs that offer faith and character development, job readiness training and placement, educational support and service opportunities.
- ▶ **Mission:** To see Jesus Christ transform the lives of juvenile offenders.
- ▶ **Website:** <http://www.straightahead.org/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$2,818

MAY 2018: DANIEL'S TABLE



- ▶ **Background:** A community of supporters committed to solving the hunger problem in this town of 70,000. When we started out we were serving 200+ meals per month. Today we have expanded our services to 9700+ meals every month. This makes us one of the largest provider of hot meals in this town.
- ▶ **Mission:** To alleviate hunger in Framingham, MA while preserving the dignity of everyone involved.
- ▶ **Website:** <https://www.danielstable.org/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,184

JUNE 2018: SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY



- ▶ **Background:** The Southborough Food Pantry was started in 1990 by The United Parishes of Southborough. We exist to help our neighbors in time of need, neighbors helping neighbors.
- ▶ **Mission:** To help our neighbors and church parishioners who are struggling to provide meals for their families.
- ▶ **Website:** <http://www.southboroughfoodpantry.org/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,865

JULY 2018: HOOP HOP



- ▶ **Background:** Hoop Hop invests in the future of our youth, particularly in the areas of music and arts education. By combining the twin energies of art & sport, the Hoop Hop movement is firmly anchored by the belief that true community empowerment must be both active & creative
- ▶ **Mission:** To bring people together through community outreach, music and basketball.
- ▶ **Website:** <https://hoophop.splashthat.com/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,434

AUG. 2018: JEFF'S PLACE



- ▶ **Background:** To provide year-round peer support groups and services to children, teens and adults in the Metro-Boston area who are coping with a significant death-loss
- ▶ **Mission:** To lead the way in ensuring that all children, teens, and families experience a healthy grieving process in a supportive environment
- ▶ **Website:** <http://jeffsplacemetrowest.org/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$519

SEPT. 2018: ST. MARGUERITE'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL IN HAITI



- ▶ **Background:** The St. Marguerite's Partnership is comprised of nearly 20 St. Mark's students & faculty members who work together to raise awareness about Haitian culture and offer support to St. Marguerite's Episcopal School
- ▶ **Mission:** To foster communication, education and cultural exploration between the two schools. Money raised will be used to support teacher salaries (approx. \$90 per month) & their hot lunch program
- ▶ **Website:** <https://smhaitipartnership.wordpress.com/>

AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$2,613

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AMOUNT DONATED BY ST. MARK'S: \$1,370

NOV. 2018: IN-REACH IN SUPPORT OF ST. MARKS PARISHIONERS IN NEED



- ▶ **Background:** Open plate offering in Nov. goes to the Rector's discretionary fund to assist St. Mark's families in need during the holiday season
- ▶ **Mission:** At St. Mark's we believe our call to live as disciples of Jesus Christ must include serving others through embracing brave change, reimagining our congregations, building relationships, and engaging our world
- ▶ **Website:** <http://stmarkssouthborough.org/serve/>

- ▶ **Second Saturday Service Day:** St. Mark's Outreach Team will hold a service project on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
- ▶ Each project will be scheduled in advance, with a begin and end time, so everyone will know the time commitment
- ▶ **To participate, please contact:**
 - ▶ Elise Morgan,
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